

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION NEWS AND NOTES** from the State Historic  
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**2012 Preservation Conference: Call for Session Proposals**

The 2012 South Carolina Historic Preservation Conference will be held March 29 - 30 in Columbia at the Archives and History Center. Do you have an idea for a session that would benefit others? If so, let us know! Education Sessions will cover a variety of topics ranging from "Preservation 101" to advanced discussions of exceptional, cutting-edge issues. Education Session proposals are reviewed by a selection committee, and may be combined when appropriate with other proposed sessions. Your session should be interactive, featuring not more than three speakers and a moderator. For more information on submitting a session proposal and the requirements, see our website at

<http://www.shpo.sc.gov/conf/landpconference/preservationconference.htm>.

Proposals are due November 10, 2011. If you have any questions please contact Jennifer Satterthwaite at 803-896-6171, [jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:jsatt@scdah.state.sc.us).

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**Staff Transitions**

Our review and compliance coordinator, Caroline Dover Wilson, has accepted a position with the Appalachian Council of Governments in Greenville. Her last day with the SHPO will be July 29. She has provided dedicated service in her 2 ½ years with the SHPO, and we wish her well in her new endeavors. Rebekah Dobrasko will be stepping in to handle Section 106 projects with Caroline's departure. Please direct

questions about new and ongoing Section 106 projects to Rebekah at 803-896-6183, [dobrasko@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:dobrasko@scdah.state.sc.us).

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### **S.C. Archives & History Foundation Events**

The S.C. Archives and History Foundation is planning a four-part Genealogy Workshop Series for 2011-12 to be held at the Archives & History Center in Columbia. It begins with Genealogy 101 on Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. The registration form will be available online at [www.palmettohistorysc.org](http://www.palmettohistorysc.org) next week. Future sessions will feature Civil War, Revolutionary War, and African American research topics.

The Foundation's Lunch & Learn series also kicks off August 16<sup>th</sup>, with Dean Hunt speaking on the Burning of Lexington during the Civil War. It begins at 12 noon, and will wrap up by 1:00 p.m. Bring your lunch and enjoy this free event.

For more information about the Genealogy Series or Lunch & Learn, please call Mary Katherine Marshall at 803-896-6124 or email [mmarshall@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:mmarshall@scdah.state.sc.us).

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### **Amended Regulations for the Rehabilitated Historic Property Tax Program**

South Carolina Code of Laws Sections 4-9-195 and 5-21-140 allows local governments to offer special property tax assessments to rehabilitated historic property. (See <http://shpo.sc.gov/grants/specialtaxrehab/>.) An amendment to the South Carolina Code of Regulations 12-120 through 12-125 that implements these sections was finalized on May 27, 2011. The amendment brought the Regulations into conformance with the amended law, removed repetitive language and clarified definitions, as well as the process for review. Local governments with ordinances based on the prior version of the state law are likely to find that the local ordinance needs to be amended to address the pertinent changes. Please contact Dan Elswick at 803-896-6174 or [elswick@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:elswick@scdah.state.sc.us) for more information.

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### **State Board of Review to Meet Friday, July 22**

The South Carolina State Board of Review for the National Register of Historic Places will meet on Friday, July 22 at 10:30 a.m. at the Archives and History Center. The Board will consider the following nominations to the National Register:

- Shiloh Presbyterian Church Cemetery (Blacksburg vicinity, Cherokee County; and Grover vicinity, Cleveland County, North Carolina)
- Southern Railway Depot (Ninety Six, Greenwood County)
- Retreat Rosenwald School (Westminster vicinity, Oconee County)

The public is welcome to attend the meeting. For more information, contact Andy Chandler at [chandler@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:chandler@scdah.state.sc.us) or 803-896-6179.

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## **Newest Listings in the National Register of Historic Places**

**Fort Howell**, on Hilton Head Island in Beaufort County, was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 15, 2011. Fort Howell, a Civil War earthwork fortification constructed in 1864, is significant in military history for its role in the Federal occupation and defense of Hilton Head Island; for its association with United States Colored Troops and the role they played in the occupation and defense of the island, and particularly in the construction of this fort; and for its association with Mitchelville, the nearby freedmen's village it was built to defend. The fort is also significant for its engineering, as a rare, sophisticated, and particularly intact example of a large semi-permanent field fortification, designed by Captain Charles R. Suter, Chief of Engineers, Department of the South, U.S. Army. The fort, an essentially pentagonal enclosure of built-up earth, is quite discernible despite natural erosion and vegetative growth over a period of almost 150 years. It is owned by the Hilton Head Island Land Trust and is open to the public during daylight hours. To see photographs and read the nomination visit <http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/beaufort/S10817707070/index.htm>.

**Oakland Mill** in Newberry in Newberry County was listed in the National Register on June 15, 2011. The Mill is significant architecturally as a textile mill complex that played a central role in the economic life of Newberry throughout most of the twentieth century. It was designed and built by the prolific mill-engineering firm of Lockwood, Greene and Company of Boston, MA and Greenville, SC in the Romanesque Revival style in 1910-1912. The building experienced many of the alterations typical of twentieth century textile mills, that reflect changes in industrial technology, processing, innovation, and labor practices. Alterations and expansions in 1949-1950 and 1950-1951 literally doubled the size and operations of the mill. The complex includes the brick mill building, a one-story brick office building, a two-story brick boiler house with a brick smokestack and auxiliary building, two masonry and concrete warehouses, two wood-frame auxiliary storage buildings, a railroad spur, two water towers, and a reservoir. Oakland Mill and its successor operations remained in the building until the 2000s and it is now being rehabilitated to provide housing. To see photographs and read the nomination visit <http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/newberry/S10817736033/index.htm>

The **Hampton County Jail** in Hampton in Hampton County was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 23, 2011. The Jail, constructed 1879-1880, is significant as a public facility designed and used to enforce the law as well as the racial segregation policies of the American South in its administration of local justice during the century following Reconstruction. It is also significant as a unique surviving example of a small, late nineteenth century county penal facility with an architecture reflecting various alterations during its one hundred-plus year history. The building retains original features, including a six-celled iron cage system that occupies the northeast side of the second story. A new county jail opened in 1977, and this building now

houses the Hampton County Museum. To see photographs and read the nomination visit <http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/hampton/S10817725012/index.htm>.

The **Fountain Inn Principal's House and Teacherage** in Fountain Inn in Greenville County was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on June 27, 2011. Built in 1935, this house is significant for its association with the Fountain Inn Negro School and African-American history in Fountain Inn. It was constructed originally as a home for teachers and by the 1940s housed teachers and the principal and his family. The house is the only remaining building historically associated with the Fountain Inn Negro School complex, which included the grade school (1928), high school (1930), library, and the Clayton "Peg Leg" Bates Gymnasium (1942). Although this house was constructed after the end of the Julius Rosenwald Fund school program in 1932, its design is nearly identical to Plan No. 301 ("Teachers Home for Community Schools") for teacherages supported by the Rosenwald Fund. To see photographs and read the nomination visit <http://www.nationalregister.sc.gov/greenville/S10817723070/index.htm>

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### **Interest in Historical Marker Program Remains Strong**

The newest official state historical marker was dedicated Friday, July 15th, at Folly River Park on Folly Island. It is near the site of a Civil War camp occupied by black Union soldiers (the official term at the time was United States Colored Troops) and the cemetery which contained the graves of their dead. It joins nearly 1400 markers approved by the SC Department of Archives and History and its predecessor the South Carolina Historical Commission. See these links for more information and photos: <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2011/jul/14/salute-to-black-union-soldiers/> <http://www.postandcourier.com/news/2011/jul/16/photos-black-union-soldiers-honored-folly/>

The South Carolina Historical Marker Program, with its origins as early as 1929, was formally established in 1936. Sponsoring organizations propose and pay for the cast aluminum markers which stand along streets and highways and interpret the places important to our state's rich history, and work with the Department of Archives and History to ensure that the texts are accurate and appropriate; the department approves an average of about 50 markers each year. For more information see <http://shpo.sc.gov/properties/markers/> or contact Tracy Power at [power@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:power@scdah.state.sc.us) or (803) 896-6182. For access to a searchable database containing the texts of all markers approved by the program since 1929, follow this link: <http://www.scaet.org/markers/>.

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### **Tax Bill Introduced in Congress**

Representatives Aaron Shock (R-IL) and Earl Blumenauer (D-OR) recently introduced H.R.2479, the "Creating American Prosperity through Preservation Act" (CAPP).

H.R.2479 includes five provisions related to the federal income tax credits for rehabilitated historic properties in Section 47 of the IRS Code:

- Increasing the credit from 20 to 30 percent for small deals
- Creating an energy efficiency supplement
- Altering the disqualified lease rules for non-profits
- Changing the 1936 date for the 10 percent credit and
- Exempting the sale of state historic tax credits from federal taxation

Here is a link to the legislation <http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d112:h2479>:

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### **Scholarships Available for Preservation Seminars**

The National Preservation Institute (NPI) regularly offers scholarships to attend any scheduled NPI seminar; the scholarships cover tuition fees.

NPI has recently been awarded a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grant for scholarship for specific seminars; the 2011-2012 dates for these seminars are listed below. Of particular note for those in South Carolina are the cemetery preservation and cemetery landscape seminars that will be held in Greensboro in May 2012. Please pass this information along to others who might be interested!

- *Archaeological Curation and Collections Management* (April 18-20, 2012, Richmond, VA)
- *Cemetery Preservation* (May 9-10, 2012, Greensboro, NC; October 25–26, 2011, Phoenix, AZ)
- *Cemetery Landscapes: A Practical Guide to Care and Maintenance* (May 11, 2012, Greensboro, NC and October 27, 2011, Phoenix, AZ)
- *Conservation Strategies for Archaeologists* (April 16-17, 2012, Richmond, VA)
- *Consultation and Protection of Native American Sacred Lands* (October 27-28, 2011, Portland, OR; March 29-30, 2012, Anchorage, AK)
- *Historic Property Management* (September 20-22, 2011, Indianapolis, IN)
- *Historic Structures Reports: A Management Tool for Historic Properties* (March 20, 2012, Mount Vernon, VA)
- *Identification and Management of Traditional Cultural Places* (September 22-23, 2011, Santa Fe, NM)
- *Native American Cultural Property Law* (October 26-27, 2011, Chicago, IL)
- *Preservation Maintenance: Understanding and Preserving Historic Buildings* (March 21-22, 2012, Mount Vernon, VA)

NPI must receive scholarship applications at least six weeks prior to the seminar date. To learn more and to access the application form visit <http://www.npi.org/scholarships>. For further information, contact NPI at 703-765-0100 or [info@npi.org](mailto:info@npi.org).

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## Revised Federal Historic Preservation Certification Application

The National Park Service recently issued a revised Historic Preservation Certification Application for the federal tax incentive program. Hard copies are available from the SHPO (please let Dan Elswick know if you'd like, 803-896-6174 or [elswick@scdah.state.sc.us](mailto:elswick@scdah.state.sc.us)). A "fillable" online version will soon be available, and we will include a link from our website.

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## Conferences/Workshops/Events

**15th Annual International Preservation Trades Workshop**, August 2 - 6, 2011, Lancaster, PA. Visit [www.iptw.org](http://www.iptw.org) for more information and registration, or email [info@ptn.org](mailto:info@ptn.org).

**Commemoration: The Promise of Remembrance and New Beginnings: American Association for State and Local History 2011 Annual Meeting**, September 14 -17, 2011, Richmond, VA. The Civil War Sesquicentennial and the 10th Anniversary of 9/11 serve as the back-drop to this conversation of commemoration and how we experience our past. For information, see [www.aaslh.org](http://www.aaslh.org).

**South Carolina Humanities Festival**, October 1 - 9, 2011, Sumter. Hosted by the Sumter County Cultural Commission, the 18th Annual Humanities Festival will include exhibits, historic tours, an essay contest and more. More information, including a detailed schedule of events, will be posted on The Humanities Council<sup>SC</sup> website in the coming months [www.schumanities.org](http://www.schumanities.org).

**National Preservation Conference**, October 12 – 22, 2011, Buffalo, NY. The theme of this year's conference is "Alternating Currents." The conference will feature educational sessions, tours, networking events, and more. More information will be available at <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/>. **Register by July 31 to take advantage of early registration discounts.**

**The Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**, October 26 – 29, 2011, Charleston. The meeting includes paper sessions, plenary session, walking tour and study tour, as well as a reception and business lunch and awards ceremony. For more information go to <http://www.sesah.org/>.

**Heritage Development Summit: "Mission: Possible – Generating Partnerships to Spark Rural Communities"**, November 14 – 16, 2011, Clemson. Sponsored by the South Carolina National Heritage Corridor, this event includes sessions on the economics of being "green" in preservation, creating wealth in rural communities, making your city newcomer and visitor friendly, and leveraging partnerships to increase rural competitiveness. For more information see <http://www.2011heritagesummit.com/about-hds.html>.

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## Grant Application Deadlines

**August 10, 2011, Humanities Council<sup>SC</sup> Major Grants:** The next round for Major Grants (\$2000 - \$8000) are due August 10. Grants support public programs designed to be accessible by a broad audience, to serve citizens in urban, rural, and small-town settings, and to make possible humanities programs that illuminate and enrich the lives of both audiences and scholars. Drafts are strongly encouraged and will be accepted any time prior to the deadline listed below. For more information see <http://schumanities.org/grants/howtoapply> or call 803-771-2477.

**October 1, 2011, Preservation Services Fund Grants:** Administered by the National Trust for Historic Preservation, these grants are awarded to nonprofit organizations and public agencies for preservation planning and education efforts. Grant awards range from \$500 to \$5,000. For more information, contact the Southern Office of the National Trust for Historic Preservation at 843-722-8552 or [soro@nthp.org](mailto:soro@nthp.org) and visit the National Trust website at <http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/find-funding/>.

**NEW Land and Water Conservation Fund Grants:** Applications are now being accepted for nearly \$9 million in grants to help states and local communities acquire and preserve **threatened Civil War battlefield land**. Private non-profit organizations can apply in partnership with a state or local government agency. Each grant requires a dollar for dollar non-federal match. The grants are administered by the American Battlefield Protection Program. For more information see <http://www.nps.gov/history/hps/abpp/grants/LWCF/LWCFAcquisitionGrants.htm> or contact Kristen McMasters at 202-354-2037 or [kristen\\_mcmasters@nps.gov](mailto:kristen_mcmasters@nps.gov).

## For More Grants Information

- <http://shpo.sc.gov/grants/otherincentives/>
- [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov)
- <http://www.preservationdirectory.com/PreservationGeneralResources/GrantsFundingSources.aspx>
- [www.npguides.org](http://www.npguides.org)

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